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Mr. Speaker, I have no further requests for time, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from New York (Mr. MCHUGH) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 4052, as amended.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof), the rules were suspended and the bill, as amended, was passed.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

JUSTICE JOHN MCKINLEY FEDERAL BUILDING

Mr. MCHUGH. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the Senate bill (S. 1298) to designate a Federal building located in Florence, Alabama, as the "Justice John McKinley Federal Building".

The Clerk read as follows:

S. 1298

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. DESIGNATION OF JUSTICE JOHN MCKINLEY FEDERAL BUILDING.

The Federal building located at 210 North Seminary Street in Florence, Alabama, shall be known and designated as the "Justice John McKinley Federal Building".

SEC. 2. REFERENCES.

Any reference in a law, map, regulation, document, paper, or other record of the United States to the Federal building referred to in section 1 shall be deemed to be a reference to the "Justice John McKinley Federal Building".

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. SUNUNU). Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from New York (Mr. MCHUGH) and the gentlewoman from Florida (Mrs. MEEK) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from New York (Mr. MCHUGH).

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. MCHUGH. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks on this measure.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from New York?

There was no objection.

Mr. MCHUGH. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, S. 1298 was introduced by Senator SHELBY on October 20, 1997, and the bill passed the Senate without amendment by unanimous consent on June 2 of this year, and a message on Senate action was sent to the House on June 3.

John McKinley was a U.S. Senator and the first United States Supreme Court Justice from the State of Alabama. A Virginian by birth, he practiced law in Kentucky. He was a self-taught lawyer. He moved to Alabama

in 1818, becoming a member of the Cypress Land Company, which was then the largest single purchaser of land in north Alabama, along with a gentleman by the name of Andrew Jackson.

In 1820, Mr. McKinley was elected to the Alabama State legislature. He then proceeded to have a long, historic and extremely distinguished public career. The State legislature elected Mr. McKinley to the U.S. Senate in 1826, where he served until 1831. He was appointed to the Supreme Court by voice vote of the Senate in September of 1837.

Mr. Speaker, our colleague, the gentleman from Alabama (Mr. CRAMER), introduced a similar bill, H.R. 1804, also honoring Justice McKinley, which was cosponsored by the entire delegation from the great State of Alabama, and I want to thank him and that delegation for working with the other body, working with Senator SHELBY, and bringing us not just a deserving individual, obviously, but one who represents a great period in the history of this country, obviously a great period that continues to this day in the history of the great State of Alabama. I thank him for his efforts.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mrs. MEEK of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, Senate bill 1298 introduced by Senator RICHARD SHELBY, Republican of Alabama, names a United States post office located at 210 North Seminary Street in Florence, Alabama, as the Justice John McKinley Federal Building.

Senate bill 1298 enjoys the support of a House companion bill, House Resolution 1804, sponsored by the gentleman from Alabama (Mr. ROBERT "BUD" CRAMER). Mr. McKinley served in the Alabama State Legislature, was one of the founding trustees of the University of Alabama, and served as the first United States Supreme Court Justice from Alabama.

The Alabama State congressional delegation is proud to name a post office after John McKinley.

Mr. Speaker, I yield 5 minutes to my colleague, the gentleman from Alabama (Mr. BUD CRAMER), the author of the House version.

Mr. CRAMER. Mr. Speaker, I thank my colleague, the gentlewoman from Florida, for yielding time to me.

Mr. Speaker, I want to congratulate the chairman and say that we in Alabama appreciate the attention this issue has been given here in what we hope are the last few days of this session to make sure that the House bill, H.R. 1804, is merged with S. 1298 to make sure this legislation is passed and gets to the President.

Mr. Speaker, this legislation would designate the United States Courthouse and Post Office Building in Florence, Alabama, which happens to be in my district, as the Justice John

McKinley Federal Building. The chairman and ranking member have done an excellent job in making sure is that Justice John McKinley's background and legacy is well known.

In my district, this particular piece of legislation enjoys a wide range of support within the State, the Lauderdale County Bar Association, the Florence Historical Board, the Tennessee Valley Historical Society, the Alabama State Bar, and Governor Fob James, in addition to the entire Alabama delegation. We have looked forward to this day for some time; and, Mr. Speaker, designating the United States Post Office after Justice John McKinley would be an honor befitting his contribution to Alabama, and, frankly, to this country. Mr. Speaker, I urge the passage of S. 1298.

Mrs. MEEK of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. MCHUGH. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, with a closing thanks to the gentleman from Alabama (Mr. CRAMER) for his leadership on this issue, I would highly recommend all of our colleagues support us in this very meritorious renaming bill.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from New York (Mr. MCHUGH) that the House suspend the rules and pass the Senate bill, S. 1298.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof), the rules were suspended and the Senate bill was passed.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

JACOB JOSEPH CHESTNUT POST OFFICE BUILDING

Mr. MCHUGH. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 4516) to designate the United States Postal Service building located at 11550 Livingston Road, in Oxon Hill, Maryland, as the "Jacob Joseph Chestnut Post Office Building".

The Clerk read as follows:

H.R. 4516

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. DESIGNATION.

The United States Postal Service building located at 11550 Livingston Road, in Oxon Hill, Maryland, shall be known and designated as the "Jacob Joseph Chestnut Post Office Building".

SEC. 2. REFERENCES.

Any reference in a law, map, regulation, document, paper, or other record of the United States to the building referred to in section 1 shall be deemed to be a reference to the "Jacob Joseph Chestnut Post Office Building".

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from New York (Mr. MCHUGH) and the gentlewoman from Florida (Mrs. MEEK) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from New York (Mr. MCHUGH).

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. MCHUGH. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks on H.R. 4516.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from New York?

There was no objection.

Mr. MCHUGH. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

H.R. 4516, Mr. Speaker, was introduced by our distinguished colleague, the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. WYNN), on August 6 of this year. The legislation is cosponsored by the entire House delegation of the great State of Maryland, as is pursuant to the policy of the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

This bill does indeed designate the United States Postal Service Building located at 11550 Livingston Road in Oxon Hill, Maryland, as the Jacob Joseph Chestnut Post Office Building.

Mr. Speaker, in July of this year the entire Congress, indeed, the entire Nation, was stunned by the sudden and senseless random killing of two of our own Capitol Hill Police, Officer Jacob Joseph Chestnut and Detective John Michael Gibson. These brave men laid down their lives in defense of this building, in defense of all this building stands for and, of course, in the line of duty for the protection of these hallowed halls and the people who work and visit them.

I want to thank and commend the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. WYNN), whom I have had a chance as recently as today to talk about this measure with, for introducing this bill honoring this true American hero. The naming of the post office in Oxon Hill, Maryland, will enable family and friends and neighbors of Mr. Chestnut to continue to remember him in a very special way.

I am sure we all heard the eulogies that were offered to both of these brave men as their bodies lay in state in the Capitol. We heard the beautiful words expressed by his daughter, Officer Chestnut's daughter, as she spoke of her beloved father, and we felt the love that Officer Chestnut had for his family, his friends, his community and, perhaps most of all, his country.

His career was a storied one. He served 20 years as a member of the Military Police in the United States Air Force, and he served on the Capitol Police Force for 17 years doing his duty. He was just 2 years away from retirement.

The gentlewoman from Florida (Mrs. MEEK) spoke earlier about local heroes, community heroes. I think John Jacob Chestnut was all of that. I know he was a hero to his family, but we have here as well someone who, as he was just doing his duty, I am sure, in his eyes, was thrust into the light and into the glare of being a national hero.

We have named dozens of these facilities in the last several years, Mr. Speaker, but I honestly can tell the

Members I do not think we have ever named one more appropriately than the one we seek today to name after the hero, John Jacob Chestnut. I want to thank the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. WYNN) particularly for his efforts in bringing this to the floor today.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mrs. MEEK of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to join the gentleman from New York (Chairman MCHUGH) in bringing to the House floor H.R. 4516, legislation introduced by my friend and colleague, the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. ALBERT WYNN).

H.R. 4516 names a post office, a United States Post Office located at 11550 Livingston Road in Oxon Hill, Maryland, as the Jacob Joseph Chestnut Post Office Building, an honor for a man who gave his life, who laid down his life for all of us.

As of July 26, 1998, the Washington Post reported, on a clear, sunny day like yesterday, Jacob J. Chestnut would have been tending the squash, cucumbers, and red and green peppers in his vegetable garden, sharing the bounty with his family and neighbors. Instead, Officer J.J. Chestnut, an 18-year veteran of the Capitol Police Force, was killed when an armed intruder rushed past the security checkpoint in the Capitol. He was shot without warning near the visitor's entrance.

Officer Chestnut is remembered by friends and neighbors, and it is a very high honor that his own representative, the honorable gentleman from Maryland (Mr. ALBERT WYNN), is introducing and is going to name this post office for this honorable slain hero.

Mr. Speaker, I yield such time as he may consume to the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. WYNN), the sponsor of H.R. 4516.

Mr. WYNN. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentlewoman for yielding time to me, and let me thank the chairman, the gentleman from New York (Mr. MCHUGH), for his cooperation and support in moving this matter forward to the body. Also, I would like to thank the gentlewoman from Florida (Mrs. MEEK) for her kind words on behalf of my former constituent. Her comments were most moving.

Mr. Speaker, we are here today in an effort to memorialize the sacrifice of Officer J.J. Chestnut. This proposal is supported by the entire Maryland delegation on a bipartisan basis, and I think it reflects the bipartisan sentiments of this entire body in support of this outstanding Officer.

The legislation redesignates the United States Postal Service Building located at 11550 Livingston Road in Oxon Hill, Maryland, presently known as the Fort Washington Post Office, as the Jacob Joseph Chestnut Post Office Building.

United States Capitol Police Officer Jacob Joseph Chestnut, along with

United States Capitol Police Special Agent John Gibson, gave their lives in the line of duty on Friday, July 24, 1998, while guarding the visitors and staff in the United States Capitol; some would say, in our home.

Officer Jacob Joseph Chestnut, an 18-year-Capitol Police veteran and a retired United States Air Force Officer, was a gentle giant of a man who touched many lives with his friendly smile and his quiet competence in his short 58-year journey on this earth. A husband and father of five children, J.J. Chestnut was a pillar of his community, a respected leader, and a mentor to his fellow officers.

Following this tragedy, his widow, Wen Ling, said, "It is amazing to think that the death of a man so simple, so humble, so family-oriented, and yet so private, can rock the Nation and the world for simply doing his job."

The tragedy of J.J. Chestnut's death teaches us that life is fleeting. It teaches us that it is not the quantity of what you do in life, but it is the quality of what you do. This small piece of legislation is a grateful community's attempt to memorialize the sacrifice this American has made.

Although the bill does not request it, we are hopeful that in future years a bust and a picture and a plaque commemorating Officer Chestnut will also be placed in this post office, so that future generations will be able to see the man and understand the sacrifice he made.

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Mr. Speaker, this is the story of an American hero that gave his all for his country. It is a story of what makes our country great. J.J. Chestnut knew that freedom is not free. He understood that there is a price to be paid.

We ask men and women like J.J. Chestnut to defend and protect our freedom every day. We ask them to confront those who would violently attack the safety of individuals and of our most cherished institutions. They ultimately risk their lives and they too often lose their lives. But for Officer Chestnut's selfless actions, we may have lost many other innocent lives on that unfortunate day.

In Officer Jacob Joseph Chestnut we find an extraordinary individual who served his country and made the ultimate sacrifice in the performance of his duty to protect the lives of others in the Capitol. I thank my colleagues on both sides of the aisle. I thank my colleagues from the State of Maryland for their support in recognition of a great American whose gentle smile and helpful spirit will truly be missed.

Mr. MCHUGH. Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mrs. MEEK of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. CUMMINGS).

Mr. CUMMINGS. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of this legislation because I think it is extremely important, as the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. Wynn)

has stated, that we take time to memorialize those who have played significant roles in our lives.

As a fellow resident of Maryland, along with the gentleman and, of course, the man who we honor with this legislation, J.J. Chestnut, I think what we send out to the world is a memorial which will be there for a very, very long time that says to the world that he was one who gave his life so that others might live, bringing a hope and a sense of dedication to the area in Maryland where this post office is.

Also, I want to take a moment to thank the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. WYNN). Throughout this entire unfortunate situation, the gentleman was there with the family. He constantly made it clear that he would do everything, and did do everything that he could to uplift the family.

I think that one of the most fitting things that could possibly be done is this way of memorializing this great man. So, when people come into that post office and see that name there and know that he is one who stood up for us, and for many when they could not stand up for themselves, and even the children who will come in and say who is that man? Who was he? For some person to be able to say that was J.J. Chestnut. He was an officer with the Capitol Police and he gave his life so that others might live, I think that that will be a very, very fitting memorial.

So, Mr. Speaker, I would ask that the entire House support this wonderful, wonderful resolution and ask that all of my colleagues vote for it.

Mrs. MEEK of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I have no further requests for time, and I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. MCHUGH. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. FOX).

Mr. FOX of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding me this time.

Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of the legislation that the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. WYNN) has brought forward. It is very fitting legislation. Officer Chestnut was someone well-loved in this Capitol, who represented the finest in law enforcement and certainly he is an individual who we will miss as a result of his tragic murder that took place here in the Capitol.

This individual represented the best in law enforcement. His family and his friends certainly miss him greatly. We all do. The Nation does. But to have, therefore, a post office named in his honor is certainly appropriate. It is certainly a small token of the affection, respect, and admiration that all of us here in the Capitol and across the Nation felt for Officer Chestnut.

Many officers come to this institution and have a chance to serve their Nation. Officer Chestnut was so near retirement. He had brought to many people the opportunity to see their Capitol firsthand. He was professional. He was a policeman's policeman; one

who was well trained, who dealt with the public in a very friendly, professional manner. He really was the best of the best.

So, having this post office be named for one of our own who was one of law enforcement's best is a symbol, a reflection of this House and this Congress saying "thank you" to a great man whose life was cut far too short.

We join with the family and friends and the men and women in blue all across this country who have lost one of their own, who stood up for us all the time, and who make a real difference for this country. This is certainly a unanimous vote that should be the forthcoming result, and I am sure the Senate and the President will agree that this is certainly a tribute that is appropriate and I hope that the House will join the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. WYNN) in making this a unanimous vote.

Mr. MCHUGH. Mr. Speaker, with a final word of praise to the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. WYNN) and great thanks to him, I urge all our colleagues to support this, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from New York (Mr. MCHUGH) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 4516.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof) the rules were suspended and the bill was passed.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

FURTHER CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS, FISCAL YEAR 1999

Mr. LIVINGSTON. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Appropriations be discharged from the further consideration of the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 133) making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 1999, and for other purposes, when called up; and that it be in order at any time to consider the joint resolution in the House; that the joint resolution be considered as read for amendment; that the joint resolution be debatable for not to exceed one hour, to be equally divided and controlled between myself and the gentleman from Wisconsin (Mr. OBEY); that all points of order against the joint resolution and against its consideration be waived; and, that the previous question be considered as ordered on the joint resolution to final passage without intervening motion, except one motion to recommit with or without instructions.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Louisiana?

There was no objection.

Mr. LIVINGSTON. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to the unanimous consent request just agreed to, I called up the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 133) making further continuing appropriations for

the fiscal year 1999, and for other purposes, and ask for its immediate consideration in the House.

The text of House Joint Resolution 133 is as follows:

H.J. RES. 133

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 106(c) of Public Law 105-240 is amended by striking "October 9, 1998" and inserting in lieu thereof "October 12, 1998".

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the order of the House of today, the gentleman from Louisiana (Mr. LIVINGSTON) and the gentleman from Wisconsin (Mr. OBEY) each will control 30 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Louisiana (Mr. LIVINGSTON).

(Mr. LIVINGSTON asked and was given permission to revise and extend his remarks.)

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. LIVINGSTON. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks on H. J. Res. 133, and that I may include tabular and extraneous material.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Louisiana?

There was no objection.

Mr. LIVINGSTON. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, today the initial continuing resolution for fiscal year 1999 expires, so we need another continuing resolution. Not all of the appropriations bills have yet been enacted, and for that reason we do need a little extra time to complete our business.

Adoption of H.J. Res. 133, which runs from tonight through October 12, will give us the time we need to complete our remaining work.

I am disappointed I have had to bring this joint resolution to the floor. I really thought that it was possible that we could get our bills done by tonight, but evidently we have run into some roadblocks and we need a little bit more time.

The negotiations are proceeding. There are tough issues yet to be settled. I appreciate all parties for having participated to the degree that they have. But I hope they understand that we need to knuckle down and do a little bit more if we are going to finish the job through the end of this particular continuing resolution which expires on Monday.

I was a little taken aback by the press conference by the President a little while ago suggesting that the Congress is not intent on doing our business. As you know, Mr. Speaker, both Houses have been diligently working on the budget ever since the President came to Congress and requested approximately \$9 billion over the budget agreement that he agreed to last year, which ultimately led to balancing the budget this year. He requested \$9 billion more than he had agreed to last